Decisions Taken at a meeting between India and Bangladesh on the sharing of Ganga Waters

2607. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state what decisions have been taken at a meeting held at Delhi in November, 1985, between the Water Resources Ministers of India and Bangladesh about sharing of Ganga waters?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): It was decided to have a joint study by experts of the two sides of the available water resources common to both countries, with a view to identifying alternatives for the sharing of the same to mutual benefit, including a long-term scheme/schemes for augmentation of the flows of the Ganga at Farakka, and to share the Ganga Waters available at Farakka for the next three dry seasons.

Increase in demand of drinking water in Delhi due to rise in populations

2608. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which drinking water, demand has been rising during the last three years in Delhi due to rise in population and alround growth of the city and the extent to which the demand is being met;

(b) what is the estimated loss of drinking water due to leakage from the distribation system/public hydrants etc.;

(c) whether any exercise has been made to assess the water requirements by 1990 and 2001 keeping in view the increasing population; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the perspective plan, if any, drawn up by Government to meet the demand and also to check the leakage in the distribution system and public hydrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Funds for drinking water facilities

2609. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of different States for fund allocation for provision of drinking water during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period; and

(b) the extent to which Government have made a provision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): a) and (b) Water supply is a State subject. The Central Government assists the States in providing safe drinking water in the rural areas under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARP). In the Seventh Plan the following provisions have been made for the provision of drinking water in the rural areas:

1. States U.Ts. Plans	*Rs. in crores*
Rural Water Supply under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP)	2253.25
2. Central Plan	
Centrally Sponsored Accorlerated Rural Water Suply Programme (ARP)	1201.22

Production of wheat, oil-seeds,pulses etc.

2610. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat production has shown 15 percent increase during the last few years and there has been shortfall in sugarcane, pulses and oil-seeds;

(b) if so, the extent of shortfall in the production of these items; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production?